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REMARKS

Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim Status

Claims 1-3, 14-16, 18, and 20 have been canceled. Claims 4-13, 17, and 19 are pending.

All of the pending claims have been allowed. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance.

Reasons in support of amendment entry

Applicants respectfully submit that amendment avoids the rejections because the pending claims now only recite subject matter indicated as allowable by the Office. The amendment does not raise the issue of new matter because the resulting claims have already been examined (and indicated allowable). The amendment also does not present additional claims. Nor does the amendment present new issues requiring further consideration or search, because the resulting subject matter was previously claimed and examined. Furthermore, the amendment presents the claims as recommended by the Office. The amendment also places the application in condition for allowance. For these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment should be entered.

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Conclusion

The Applicants respectfully traverse the pending rejections. Nevertheless, the rejected claims have been canceled to advance prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file another application (e.g., a divisional application) relating to any claim.

The undersigned is willing to discuss any aspect of the Application by telephone at the Office's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,


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